



ABSOLUTE POWER

TASK FORCE VII

THE AMAZONS'
GREATEST FEAR:
PARADISE
LOST!



WILLIAMS
RANDOLPH
GUIMARÃES

13+
TEEN

WAR THROUGH THE EYES OF EVIL!

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KNIGHT
HERO

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BATMAN

THE BARBARIAN

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HEROES YOU KNOW
WORLDS YOU DON'T



MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

AS DAWN HERALDS THE ARRIVAL OF THE DAY, SO TOO DOES THE SILENT FLIGHT OF AMANDA WALLER'S AUTOMATON AGENT.

SERVING AS AN APOSTLE OF RESTORATION FROM THE CHAOS CAUSED BY SELF-APPOINTED GUARDIANS.



AMANDA WALLER HAS WON. A PLANETWIDE BLITZKRIEG HAS ROBBED THE WORLD'S METAHUMANS OF THEIR SUPERPOWERS AND RESOURCES. THOSE FEW WHO HAVE THUS FAR EVADED CAPTURE ARE FUGITIVES ON THE RUN, HUNTED MERCILESSLY BY TASK FORCE VII, A REGIMENT OF UNSTOPPABLE AMAZOS BUILT BY WALLER'S ALLIES, FAILSAFE AND THE BRAINIAC QUEEN.

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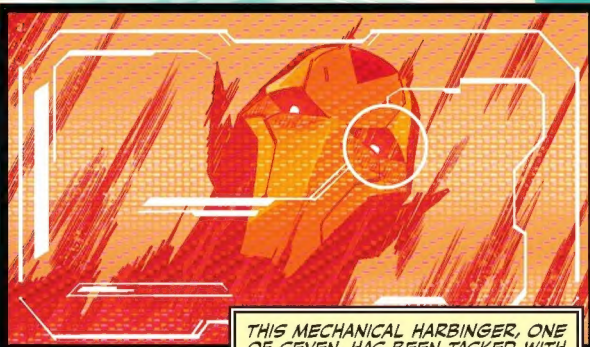
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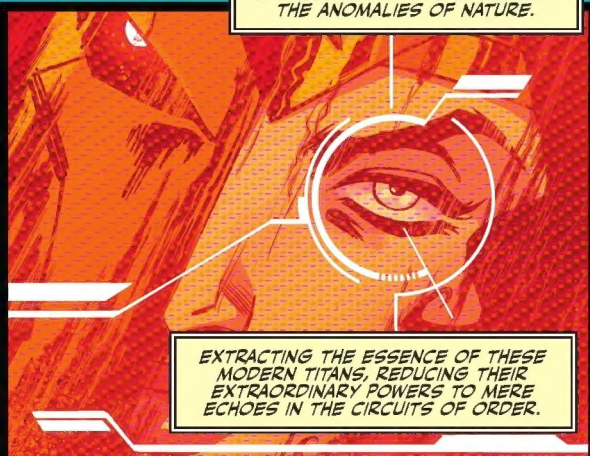
THESE ARBITERS WITH ANOMALOUS ABILITIES HAVE LONG BEEN UNRAVELING THE VERY FABRIC OF THE SOCIETAL ORDER WALLER DESIRES MOST.



BENEATH THEIR CLOAKS OF HEROISM, A TUMULTUOUS TIDE OF DESTRUCTION ROILS THEIR SOLITARY JUDGMENTS, DISRUPTING THE BALANCE.



THIS MECHANICAL HARBINGER, ONE OF SEVEN, HAS BEEN TASKED WITH A SOLEMN DUTY--NEUTRALIZING THE ANOMALIES OF NATURE.



EXTRACTING THE ESSENCE OF THESE MODERN TITANS, REDUCING THEIR EXTRAORDINARY POWERS TO MERE ECHOES IN THE CIRCUITS OF ORDER.



OF THESE ECHOES, SOME RING WITH A RESONANCE THAT TRANSCENDS THE TANGIBLE, DRAWING THEIR POWER FROM SOURCES PROFOUND AND ABSTRACT.



MY DEAR DIANA, YOUR LOVE IS A POWERFUL BEACON. YOUR HEARTBEAT INSPIRES HOPE, AND YOUR EYES LIGHT UP THE DARKNESS. LEAD WITH COURAGE AND COMPASSION, LOVING FREELY.



LET YOUR COURAGE BE GREATER THAN YOUR FEAR, DIANA. FEAR IS NATURAL, BUT OVERCOMING IT MAKES YOU A TRUE AMAZON.



RETURN TO US AS THE HERO YOU ARE DESTINED TO BECOME.

STAY VIGILANT AND TRUST YOUR TRAINING.

KEEP YOUR BLADE SHARP AND YOUR HEART STRONG.

FOLLOW THE TRUTH.

USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AS A WEAPON WHEN NEEDED.



WONDER WOMAN,
TAKE THE LEFT FLANK--
I'VE DEPLOYED SONIC
DISRUPTERS THERE.



I MISS MY
FRIENDS FROM
BACK HOME...I'M
SCARED THAT
I WON'T EVER
BE HAPPY
HERE.



WHEN YOU FEEL
LONELY, REMEMBER
THAT YOU CARRY THE
LOVE AND MEMORIES
OF YOUR OLD HOME
LIKE INVISIBLE
ARMOR.

I LIKE THAT
IDEA. THANK
YOU, WONDER
WOMAN.

AS THE ABSTRACTION DEEPENS, THE
STRAIN ON THE AMAZO'S SUBROUTINE
FUNCTIONS INTENSIFIES, EACH ONE LABORING
DESPERATELY, ITS EVERY MOVE A BATTLE
TO CONTAIN THE UNCONTAINABLE.

Systems
rebooting...



WHEN THE ECHOES OF POWER GROW
TOO PROFOUND, EVEN MACHINES
MUST YIELD TO REGENERATE.



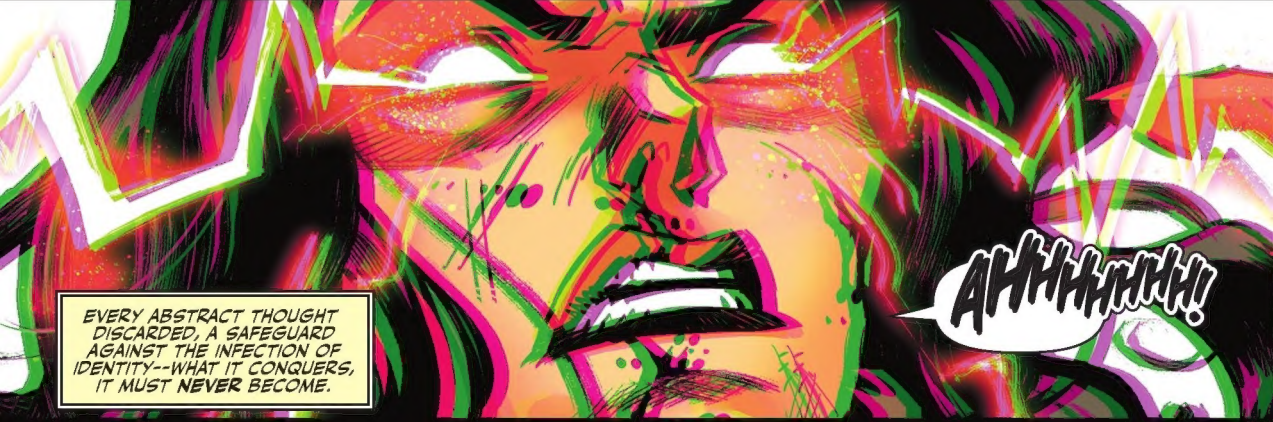
Systems
back
online.



THERE
IS NOTHING...
NOTHING...HERE
FOR YOU...



...BUT
ME.



EVERY ABSTRACT THOUGHT
DISCARDED, A SAFEGUARD
AGAINST THE INFECTION OF
IDENTITY--WHAT IT CONQUERS,
IT MUST NEVER BECOME.

AAAAHHHHH!!



*SEE ABSOLUTE
POWER #3 FOR
THE FULL STORY!
--BRITTANY

NOW STRIPPED OF ALL BUT PURPOSE, WALLER'S ENFORCER INITIATES ITS PROTOCOLS, EMBODYING A PURE, UNADULTERATED DIRECTIVE.

Silence before the storm. Let us peel back the ocean's secrets.

By the arcane threads woven through my programming: reveal thyself.

Ah, hidden paradise cloaked no more.

Intriguing. The place of Amazon strength.

ZWOOP!

BOOM!



Lepidoptera. Devoid of menace or harm.



OUR MAIN TARGETS FLED PARADISE ISLAND AFTER THEY TORTURED AND DESTROYED THE BRAINIAC QUEEN.

THIS REPREHENSIBLE ACT WON'T GO UNANSWERED, AND SINCE IT HAPPENED DUE TO QUEEN NUBIA'S INTERFERENCE...*

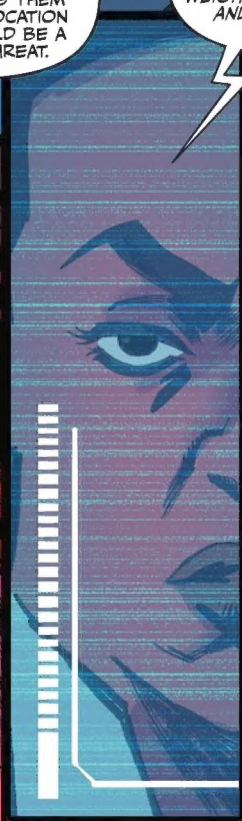
*THESE EVENTS TAKE PLACE AFTER THOSE IN ABSOLUTE POWER: SUPER SON #1.



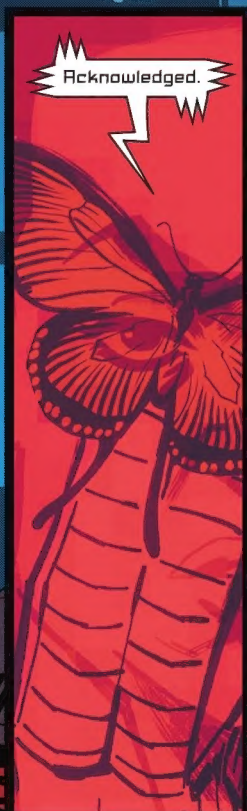
NEW MISSION DETAILS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO YOU.

IDENTIFY AND ABSORB POWERS FROM THE NEW TARGETS I'VE OUTLINED. THE AMAZONS ARE HARBORING THEM IN A SPECIAL LOCATION AND THEY COULD BE A POTENTIAL THREAT.

ONCE THEY ARE ELIMINATED, I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE QUEEN. SHE AND HER AMAZONS NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF THEIR ACTIONS, AND MY WORDS WILL BIND THEM.



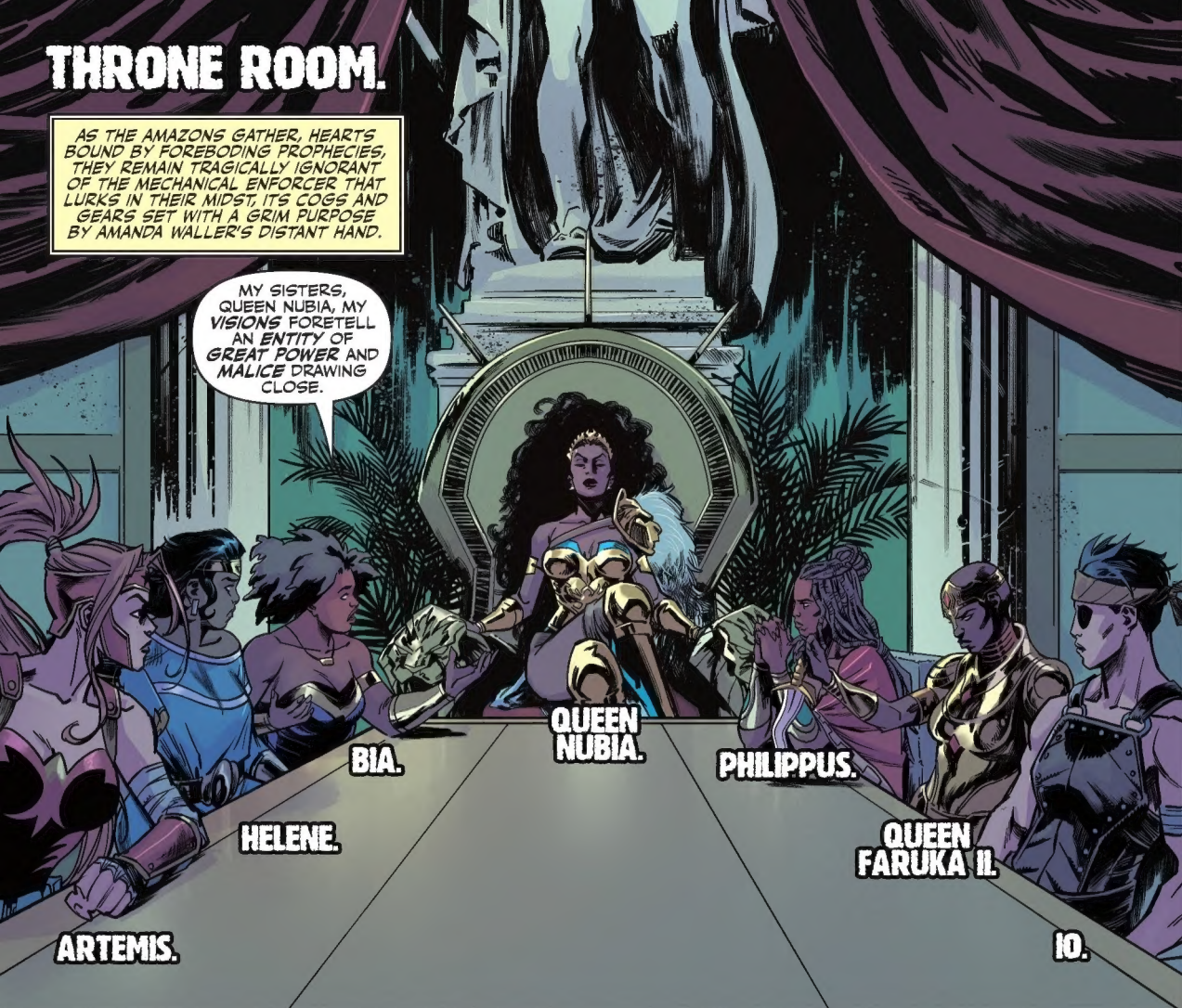
Acknowledged.



THRONE ROOM.

AS THE AMAZONS GATHER, HEARTS BOUND BY FOREBODING PROPHECIES, THEY REMAIN TRAGICALLY IGNORANT OF THE MECHANICAL ENFORCER THAT LURKS IN THEIR MIDST, ITS COGS AND GEARS SET WITH A GRIM PURPOSE BY AMANDA WALLER'S DISTANT HAND.

MY SISTERS,
QUEEN NUBIA, MY
VISIONS FORETELL
AN ENTITY OF
GREAT POWER AND
MALICE DRAWING
CLOSE.



BIA.

QUEEN NUBIA.

PHILIPPUS.

QUEEN FARUKA II.

IO.

HELENE.

ARTEMIS.

ELSEWHERE...



THIS
THREAT...IT'S
UNLIKE ANYTHING
WE'VE FACED.



IT MUST BE ONE OF THOSE
ROBOTIC CONTRACTIONS
DONNA AND HER FRIENDS
SPOKE OF WHILE THEY
WERE HERE.



HUH?



NOT TO
SAY I TOLD
YOU SO...

AND YET
YOU CANNOT
HELP BUT TO
SAY IT.



There is no
power to drain
from you, but
your life I shall
take in
exchange.

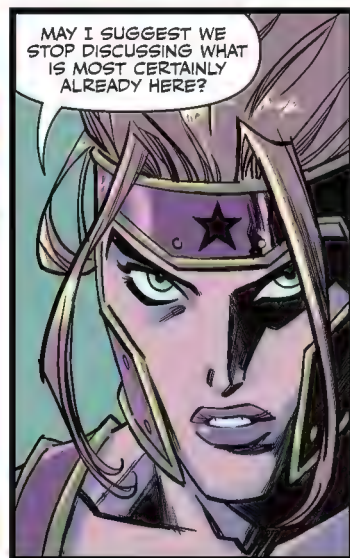


WHAT IS
DONE IS
DONE.

WALLER'S
RELENTLESS PURSUIT
TO STRIP POWERS FROM
OTHERS, INCLUDING
OUR SISTER DIANA, IS A
BLATANT VIOLATION OF
THEIR NATURAL
GIFTS.



"IT IS AN ABUSE
OF AUTHORITY
AND A DIRECT
AGGRESSIVE ACT."





MY ACT OF
COMPASSION WILL
NOT GO UNNOTICED. I
AM AWARE OF THE DANGER
I HAVE PLACED US IN AND
THE RESPONSIBILITY I BEAR.
BUT LET IT BE KNOWN, I
DO NOT REGRET MY
DECISION.

AMAZONS ARE
A BEACON OF HOPE,
AND SUCH LIGHT
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"IN ANTICIPATION OF RETALIATION FROM WALLER, I'VE INCREASED OUR PATROL UNITS THREEFOLD. SHE IS HIGHLY RESOURCEFUL AND WOULDN'T SQUANDER ASSETS ON INSIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS.

WALLER SEEKS TO DOMINATE AND IMPOSE HER WILL THROUGH FEAR AND MANIPULATION. THAT IS NOT OUR WAY AS AMAZONS.

LET US REMAIN VIGILANT AND TRUE TO OUR VALUES, FOR THEY ARE WHAT TRULY SET US APART.

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A comic book panel featuring a female character with a purple and blue suit and tentacles. She is shouting "THERE'S BEEN A BREACH!" in a speech bubble. She is in a dynamic pose with flames in the background.



I THOUGHT THE TROUBLES ENDED WHEN THE HEROES LEFT, BUT NOW YOU THREATEN THE WELL OF SOULS?

THIS SACRED PLACE IS NOT TO BE DESECRATED. YOU RISK MORE THAN YOU KNOW BY TRYING TO FORCE YOUR WAY IN!



GREAT ATHENA!

SMASH



Your opposition will prove ineffective.



THIS SANCTUARY WILL NOT FALL TO THE LIKES OF YOU! I STAND GUARDIAN. YOU SHALL NOT PASS!

Though powerless, a valiant warrior you are.



WRAP

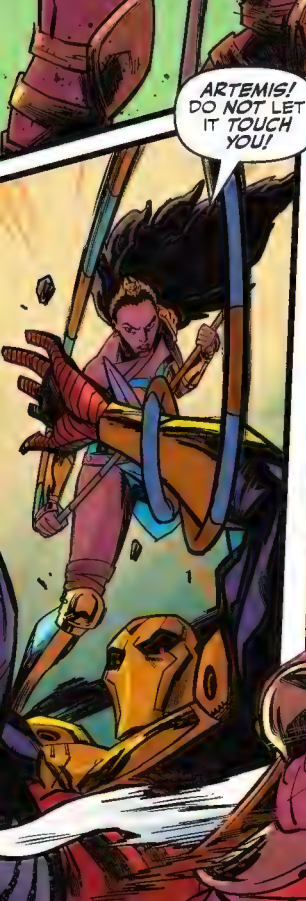
STAND FIRM, SISTERS! THE WELL OF SOULS IS OUR SACRED SOURCE, THE HEART OF OUR ISLAND, AND OUR BEACON OF HOPE AND REBIRTH.

LET NO ENEMY PASS BY PROTECTING THE WELL, WE SECURE OUR FUTURE AND HONOR THE SPIRITS SEEKING REFUGE AND RENEWAL WITH US.

WALLER CANNOT HAVE IT!



ARTEMIS! DO NOT LET IT TOUCH YOU!



THE ONLY THING IT WILL TOUCH IS THE BLADE OF MY AXE!



IT'S STRONG!

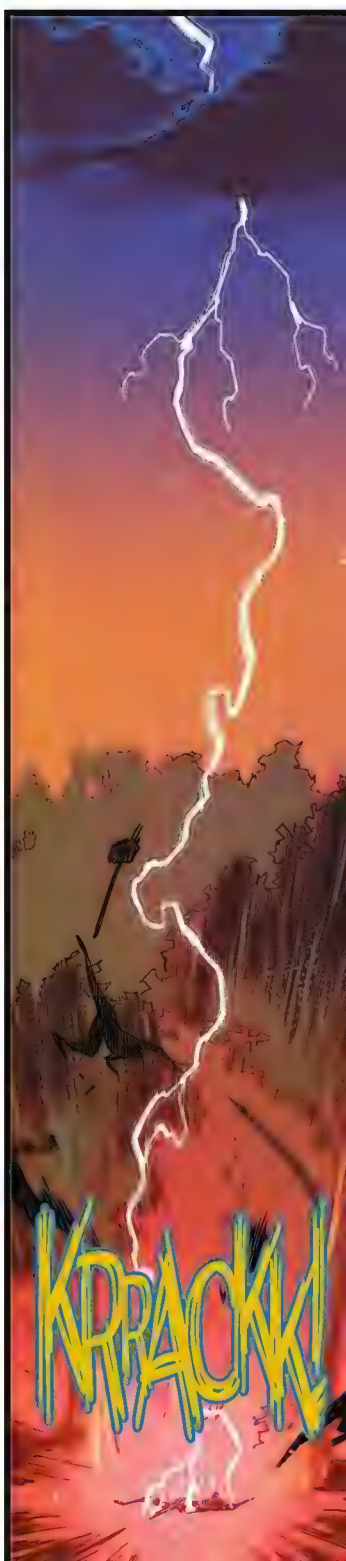
BUT NOT INVINCIBLE!



Another Amazon reeking of magic. I shall relieve you of your abilities.

AHHHHH!







WE...WE
CAN'T LET IT...
WHAT DOES IT
WANT WITH
THE WELL?



Initiating
metahuman soul-
targeting
programming--



Scanning for
non-metahuman
interference.
Clearance high.



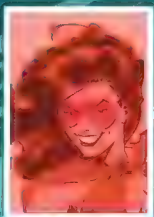
Metahuman soul
signature acquired.
Celia Windward,
code name Jet.



Extraction
commencing.



Power
withdrawal
complete.



NAME: SANDRA KNIGHT
CODE NAME: PHANTOM LADY



NAME: CONSTANCE JACKSON
CODE NAME: BLUE ICE



NAME: LYTA TREVOR
CODE NAME: FURY



NAME: DANETTE REILLY-ARTHUR
CODE NAME: FIREBRAND



NAME: LEAH WASSERMAN
CODE NAME: MINDBOGGLER

Next targets identified.
Preparing for multiple extractions.



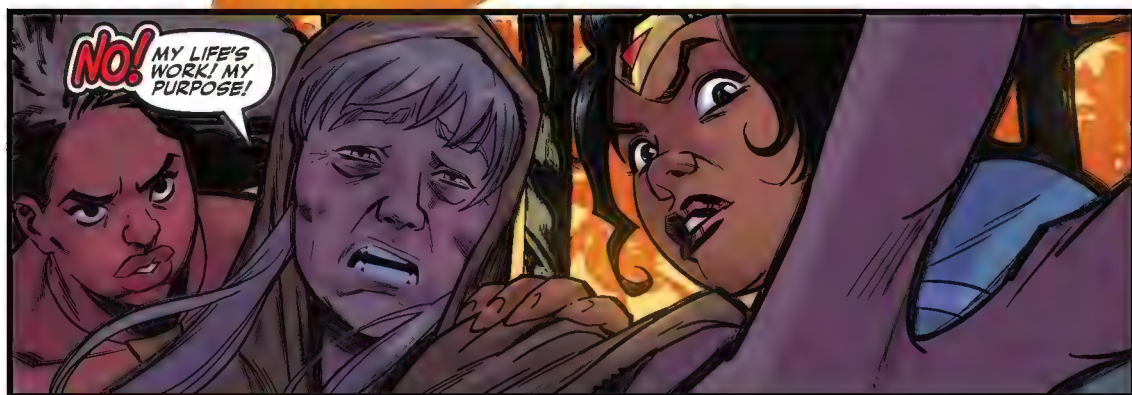
NAME: EVE BARTISTE
CODE NAME: WHISPERIA
BACKGROUND:
KNOWN PRACTITIONER OF
FOLK MAGIC AND MYSTICISM
D.O.B. 1692

Primary target located.

Commencing secondary directive: engaging demolition protocols and initiating sequence to eliminate all traces of the Well of Souls.

I bear a message for thee from Amanda Waller, Queen Nubia of the Amazons.





GAMORRA.



OF COURSE, YOU WILL.

I'LL BE IN TOUCH.



AN EVIL SUPERWOMAN FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE, AND IT'S DONNA TROY? HOW COULD THIS GET ANY WORSE?



ENSURE THAT ALL ESSENTIAL ADJUSTMENTS ARE COMPLETED BEFORE MY NEXT MEETING.



YES, MA'AM.

WHEN I ASKED FOR THE ROOM TO BE CLEARED, I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN *RATS* WOULDN'T LISTEN.



RATS? THAT'S A LOW BLOW, WALLER. EVEN FOR YOU.



BUT AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT, COLONEL TREVOR.

YOU DO KNOW YOU WON'T MAKE IT OUT OF HERE ALIVE, RIGHT?



EH, YOU AREN'T THE ONLY ONE WITH A FEW ACES UP THEIR SLEEVE.

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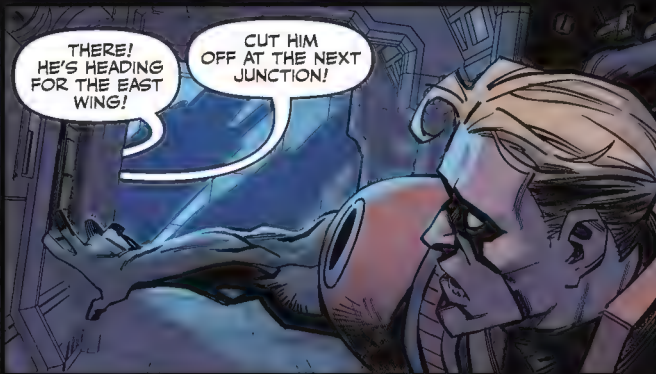
ALERT: INTRUDER
ON THE PREMISES! WHITE
MALE, BLONDE HAIR, ATHLETIC
BUILD, 6'1". WEARING A GUARD
UNIFORM. USE LETHAL
FORCE.



LET'S
MOVE.



I DON'T WANT
A GOOD SMOKE
BOMB TO GO TO
WASTE. I CAN'T
LET THEM
CATCH ME.



THERE!
HE'S HEADING
FOR THE EAST
WING!

CUT HIM
OFF AT THE NEXT
JUNCTION!



GOTTA KEEP
MOVING.



I SEE
SOMETHING
UP AHEAD!

KEEP YOUR
EYES PEELED.
HE CAN'T HAVE
GONE FAR.



%!

A comic book panel showing Wonder Woman, Robin, and Steve Trevor on a rooftop. Wonder Woman is in the center, looking up and to the right with a concerned expression. Robin is on the right, looking down at her. Steve Trevor is in the foreground, looking up at them. They are gathered around a large blueprint spread out on the rooftop. The background shows a cityscape with a large American flag. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows and highlights.

STEVE?

DIANA?!

IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON STAYING ALIVE, I RECOMMEND SHARPENING YOUR **STEALTH** SKILLS AND USING YOUR INSIDE VOICE. WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A BREAKOUT HERE.

**TO BE CONTINUED IN
WONDER WOMAN #13!
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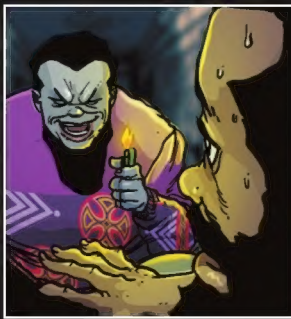
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